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NERVOUS AND PALLED

Ruef Pleads Guilty to Crime of Extortion

ADDRESSES THE COURT

Wanted an Opportunity to Make Reparation

Defendant Nearly in State of Collapse at Conclusion of Address—Leaves the Court Room Pale and Trembling—Judge Sets Case Over for Two Weeks When Sentence Will be Pronounced.

San Francisco, May 15.—Abraham Ruef, nervous and pallid, today in Judge Dunne's court pleaded guilty to extortion, the felony for which he was to have been tried by the jury already selected. In pleading guilty he made an impressive address to the judge, stating that he had commenced his career in politics with high ideals for himself and for the city, but that conditions had broken them down, and he now desired only an opportunity to make reparation and restore his character before the world.

After he concluded his address he fell back into his chair, almost fainting and tears coursed down his cheeks. His health, he said could not endure the strain of the trial which he was facing, and the torture was beyond the endurance of those who were nearest and dearest to him.

Before Ruef arose, his attorneys, Henry Ach, Samuel Shortridge and Frank Murphy, one by one, arose and stated that owing to a grave difference of opinion with their client each of them must withdraw from the case.

Ruef in his address spoke with emotion of the fidelity of his counsel. Continuing he said:

"This trial has become a threatening danger to my health, both mental and physical. I am unable to bear the strain any longer. The strain on those nearest and dearest to me is undermining them. They are on the verge of collapse. Their lives hang in the balance and I must take some action."

Ruef, who, evidently was laboring under great emotion, after pausing a moment, continued:

"I have occupied a prominent position in this city. I hope to remain here, and this will be the place of my eternal sleep. Heretofore I have borne an honored name in my professional life. There has been no stain upon my honor and until the present board of supervisors was elected there was no act of mine that could be justly censured. Nevertheless, owing to the assaults of the press I have been placed in a wrong light and have been burdened with a bad name."

"It is true that in order to hold together the political machine which I built up with great difficulty I did lower the high political ideal that I hitherto upheld. Last night I reached the conclusion that there might still be an opportunity to make some effort to restore myself in the public favor and be a power for good. I will do all that still lies in my power to help overthrow the system which has made possible the terrible corruption of public officials. To do this I will work even as the humblest citizen. My future career will be one of integrity. I hope that I can still accomplish some good."

"I am making the greatest sacrifice that could befall a human being of my disposition—namely, to acknowledge my faults and mistakes to restore myself in public favor."

"Duty calls me wherever the path may lead, but I want the whole world to know that I am not guilty of the charge made against me in this instance. Nevertheless on account of the reasons stated, I withdrew my plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty."

Judge Dunne made an order setting the case over two weeks for sentence. Then Ruef arose and wearily, still pale and trembling, went out of the court room with Detective Burns. The two walked to the corner of Sacramento and Webber streets, where they entered an automobile and drove to the house on Fillmore street, which is Ruef's prison.

GIFT TO ORPHANAGE.

Preparing for Fight on Railway Rate Bill—Meeting of State Horticultural Society.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, May 16.—Frank A. Daniels of Goldsboro, gives \$1,000 to the Methodist orphanage here to endow a perpetual scholarship to maintain one orphan. This is done in memory of his wife who died last year.

Governor Glenn and the corporation commission conferred regarding the selection of attorneys to represent the commission in the big fight before Judge Purnell at Asheville June 26, in the railway rate case and in the higher courts, by a provision in the new law, has full charge of the matter of selecting counsel.

One of its members was absent and there will be another conference and action when all are here.

Governor Glenn this afternoon gave a special reception at the executive mansion to his class of 80 cadets of the A. and M. College in the Presbyterian Sunday school. He speaks at the commencement at the Atlantic College at Wilson tomorrow.

Secretary T. K. Bruner announces that the State Horticultural Society will hold its meeting at 9:30 a. m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22, at the state horticultural fair at Newbern. He asks all makers to take a basket of fruit of any kind or of superior vegetables. It will be an important meeting at which officers will be elected for the year and arrangements made for autumn fairs to be held in western sections.

ACCIDENT AT WATER CARNIVAL.

House Boat Collides With Float—Naval Apprentice Loses His Life.

Norfolk, Va., May 15.—Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has a report from Lieutenant R. C. Bulmer of the battleship Kearsarge, detailing a collision late Monday night between Colonel R. N. Thompson's house boat Everglades and the warship's float in the Hampton Roads water carnival, as a result of which J. T. Baird, his apprentice, lost his life.

The report will be forwarded to Washington preliminary to further investigation.

The body of the drowned apprentice has not been recovered.

Colonel Thompson, formerly of Washington, well known in National Guard circles and wealthy, went aboard the Kearsarge yesterday to see Capt. Winslow of the battleship, and the men whose lives were endangered by the action of the Everglades' captain in taking his craft into the naval lines and running down the float on which was the representation of the marrying of Pocahontas and John Rolfe. Colonel Thompson expressed his deep sorrow and regret that his boat should have been the cause of a tragedy and made known his intention of making to the family of the dead man any reparation that money could bring.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

E. E. Lewis, of Kinston, N. C., on the Board of Managers.

Norfolk, Va., May 15.—The Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, in bi-ennial convention here, today elected the following officers for the next two years:

Commander, J. C. Root, Omaha, Neb.; Adviser W. A. Frazier, Dallas, Texas; Banker, Morris Sheppard, Texarkana, Texas; Clerk John T. Yates, Omaha, Neb.; Escort, H. F. Simrall, Columbus, Miss.; Watchman, W. B. Jewell, Manchester, Iowa; Sentry, D. E. Bradshaw, Little Rock, Ark.

Of the Board of Managers, N. B. Maxey, of Muscogee, I. T.; C. C. Farmer, of Mount Carroll, Ill.; J. E. Fitzgerald, of Kansas City, Mo.; L. Q. Rawson, of Cleveland, Ohio; T. E. Patterson, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and E. E. Lewis, of Kinston, N. C., will be elected without opposition, but for seventh member of the board, made vacant by the death of C. K. Erwin, of Milwaukee, there is a spirited contest between William P. Thompson, of Columbus, Ohio, and E. D. Campbell, of Dehroit.

GLASSES CORRECTLY FITTED

TO YOUR EYES FOR \$1.00

Dr. Vineberg, the noted eye specialist, of Norfolk, Va., is again at my store, and will examine eyes and furnish glasses for \$1.00. No more than two pairs to a customer at that price. The best gold-filled glasses, \$2.00 up. Children's eyes a specialty. Artificial Human eyes and ear phones of the best make. The doctor will prescribe free of charge while at my store. All work guaranteed. I recommend and sell the Doctor's remedies.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES C. MUNDS, Druggist,
Masonic Temple, Wilmington, N. C.
Come early and avoid waiting.

LAWYERS IN A TILT

First Wrangle Occurs Haywood Trial

THE PRESIDENT INVOLVED

Introduction of His Name Caused Heated Discussion

Charged by Attorney for Defence that Roosevelt Had Butted in the Case by Writing Letters—Jury Box Finally Filled by Twelve Talesmen—Both Sides Will Exercise Right of Peremptory Challenge.

Boise, Idaho, May 15.—The unexpected uncovering of a vein of prejudice against Harry Orchard and his testimony during the further examination of talesmen in the trial of William D. Haywood for complicity in the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg today led to the first sharp wrangle between counsel and involved the name of President Roosevelt in an acrimonious discussion. The question came up at the afternoon session, when Senator Borah asked Talesman William McGuffin who had been evicted for implied bias on testimony of R. C. Lovelace, the first witness called, who swore that Henry had told him that Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone would not have been brought here if "they had not been mixed up in the case," whether he (McGuffin) would give credence to Orchard's testimony.

Clarence S. Darrow of the defense objected to the question and Senator Borah sharply replied.

"After the immense latitude that the defense has taken in regard to McPartland, Taft and Roosevelt I did not think they would stick on any technicality at this late day."

"We did not ask to the effect of Orchard's testimony," said Darrow and Richardson together.

"If Roosevelt is to be brought here to testify we might have something more to say," went on Richardson.

"Roosevelt can take care of himself wherever he is," retorted Borah.

"Well, I don't know about that said Darrow."

Judge Wood directed counsel to proceed with the case, but Darrow, who was standing took formal exception to the remarks of Borah.

"I will be glad to eliminate Roosevelt if you will," replied Borah. "He was brought into the cause by the defense."

"He came in himself," said Richardson. "He is two thousand miles away and writes letters."

"He was brought in by his own butting in," added Darrow.

The judge overruled the objection to the question, the talesman saying he did not have any bias or opinion in the matter, the defense noting this exception and the incident was closed.

The jury box was finally filled with twelve talesmen and the court announced that it was in order for both sides to exercise peremptory challenges. The state excused William Van Orsdale and George F. Maw, a young farmer, with some strong opinions as to the acts of certain elements in the labor unions of the country, was called to the vacant place. The state passed him and he was still in the hands of the defense when the adjournment hour was reached.

INCREASE IN WAGES.

Over 80,000 Mill Operatives Affected in New England Cotton Manufacturing Centers.

Boston, May 15.—According to advices from the leading cotton mill centers of southern New England fully 85,000 operatives will have their wages advanced about ten per cent. beginning Monday, May 27.

The latest upward movement in mill wages originated in Fall River, where a new agreement recently announced provides for a higher schedule May 27. About 30,000 hands are employed by Fall River mills. Nearly 25,000 operatives in New Bedford will also receive a ten per cent. advance, announcement of which was made yesterday.

In Providence mill circles, it is stated that practically every cotton mill in Rhode Island will increase wages, probably about 10 per cent. on May 27 or a week later. The action of the Rhode Island mill owners will affect about 25,000 employees. It is also expected that other places which invariably follow the Fall River or Rhode Island weaving lists, will shortly post notices of the advance.

DRASTIC ACTION

Recommended in Report to the Commission

IS A STRONG DOCUMENT

Severely Arraigns the Harriman System

Recommends New and Effective Laws to Prevent Inflation of Securities—Railroad Competition Suppressed in an Area Equal to One-third of the United States—Commission Confers on Report.

New York, May 15.—A portion of the recommendations of Attorneys Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance to the interstate commerce commission concerning the Harriman railroad investigation has been published here. It reviews the testimony and holds that railroad competition has been suppressed in an area equal to one-third of the United States, the contracts between the Union Pacific and Rock Island for the control of the Alton Railway, as well as the contracts between the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific and the steps taken for the control of the Illinois Central and the San Pedro road, are all in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. It recommends that the attorney general institute proceedings to annul the agreements. It also recommends that there should be new and effective laws to prevent inflation of securities and declares that the profits of the great railroads of the far west are being used to buy stocks and control systems in the east instead of building more roads for the development of the west as they should be.

Union Pacific was the storm center of an attack by traders on the stock exchange today on the appearance of the report of counsel for the interstate commerce commission. Union Pacific stock slumped nearly four points before support was forthcoming and the whole list became weak and unsettled on the news and declined a point on the average. Southern Pacific fell off a point but steadied with good buying. All railroads holding stock control of other lines were adversely affected by the news, principally Pennsylvania which became weak. After the first shock of the news had passed the market became steady at the decline.

Washington, May 15.—Therecommendations of Messrs. Kellogg and Severance in regard to the Harriman railroads are not yet accepted and confirmed by the interstate commerce commission so that they stand at present merely as recommendations to the commission and not the report of the commission itself.

The members of the commission conferred for an hour this afternoon over the report from New York that the recommendations of Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance had been made public and then authorized the following statement:

"The commission has not prepared a report in the so-called Harriman case nor has it yet decided any of the questions involved in the inquiry. The whole matter is still under consideration and some phases of it are being further investigated."

"It may be the brief of memoranda submitted by counsel have become known in some quarters and the mistaken inference drawn therefore that the commission has agreed upon a report."

It is likely that as soon as the commission shall have determined on a line of procedure, provided the decision should be to institute proceedings against Mr. Harriman and others all the facts in the case will be submitted to the department of justice for such action as it may consider proper. It is scarcely likely that in its letter of transmittal of the evidence to the department of justice the commission would suggest what action should be taken by the department contenting itself merely with a statement of facts. It would then be for the department of justice to determine what the method of procedure should be.

APPLIES TO MINOR OFFICIALS

Larger Ones Can be as "Perniciously Active" as They Please

Washington, May 15.—As a result of his investigations into the complaint made by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, charging too great activity by the federal office holders of the state in politics, Commissioner Greene, of the Civil Service Commission, has recommended to the commission the advisability of issuing a circular urging upon classified employees of the government the necessity of keeping strictly out of politics in accordance with the recommendation of President Roosevelt's letter of June 3, 1902, and it is probable that this step will be taken. The President's letter suggested the lines upon which those employed in the classified service could participate in public affairs, and in accordance with that letter it is forbidden to attend conventions or take an active part in behalf of any political party. Especial complaint was made in North Carolina concerning the activity of postmasters. As postmasters, collectors of internal revenue and collectors of customs are not included in the classified service, the order cannot, of course, be made applicable to them.

TO ASSASSINATE THE CZAR

Terrorist Conspiracy Against Russian Emperor's Life Revealed by an Accomplice.

St. Petersburg, May 15.—A terrorist conspiracy directed against the life of Emperor Nicholas, the existence of which has been suspected for some time past, has been revealed by the arrest at Tsarskoye-Selo of soldiers of the guard regiment, who today confessed to the acceptance of a large money bribe to assist in the murder of his majesty.

According to the details of this plot the existence of which has been confirmed by one of the highest officials of the court, suspicion was directed to the soldier by the fact that he was seen to have in his possession considerable sums of money. The man was placed under observation. When he noticed that he was being shadowed he became panic-stricken and voluntarily made his confession, after which he begged for protection.

TO MEET TODAY

General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Birmingham, Ala., May 15.—With the arrival tonight of the commissioners from Virginia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, practically all of the members of the 47th general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church are in the city for the opening tomorrow. The assembly will be called to order by the moderator, Allen G. Hall, of Nashville.

The general assembly will probably be in session about nine days. The most important matter to come up for discussion is the question of ratification of the Charlotte agreement which looks to closer union with the other Presbyterian bodies, particularly the Northern Church. Tomorrow afternoon Dr. W. A. Alexander, of Clarksville, Tenn., stated clerk will submit statistical reports which will show the contributions of the church during the past year will exceed those of the previous year by about \$500,000.

BASEBALL.

Southern
Little Rock 3; Atlanta 4.
Shreveport 6; Birmingham 8.
New Orleans 1; Montgomery 2.
Memphis 0; Nashville 7.

National.
Philadelphia 2; Chicago 4.
New York 4; Cincinnati 3.
Brooklyn 3; St. Louis 4.
Boston 2; Pittsburg 1.

American.
Chicago-Washington, (rain.)
St. Louis 5; Philadelphia 8.
Detroit-New York, (rain.)
Cleveland-Boston, (rain.)

Virginia State League.
Roanoke 4; Richmond 2.
Portsmouth 2; Danville 5.
Lynchburg-Norfolk, (rain.)

South Atlantic.
Jacksonville 3; Columbia 0.
Macon 3; Charleston 4.
Savannah 1; Augusta 6.

FILED PAPERS.

Other Railroads Will Fight Against Two-cent Passenger Rates.

Richmond, Va., May 15.—The Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk & Western and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads today filed papers with Judge Pritchard, of the United States circuit court indicating their purpose to appeal from the decision of the corporation commission in the two-cent passenger rate matter. They follow the same procedure as the Southern.

LABOR SITUATION

Discussed at Meeting of Manufacturers

NEARLY 2,000 PRESENT

President Lowe Delivers His Annual Address

Devoted Considerable Time to Labor Question—Criticized Efforts to Hamper Immigration to the South—Declared That it Was the Work of Labor Agitators and Politicians.

Philadelphia, May 15.—With an attendance of nearly 2,000 members the eleventh annual convention of the National Manufacturers' Association opened today in the ball room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. In connection with the convention, the cotton men are exhibiting all the branches of their business at the First Regiment armory. The association held a session in the forenoon, the afternoon and evening being given over to the exhibition and to entertainments.

After the opening formalities had been through with Arthur H. Lowe, president of the association, delivered his annual address. He devoted considerable time to the labor question, and said it was to be regretted that the honest efforts made in perfect good faith by some of the cotton manufacturers to divert the flow of immigrants from the cities where they are not wanted, to the south where there is need for labor, should have offered "opportunity to the government officials at the behest or the labor organizations to prosecute the manufacturers."

"I have never heard a word," he said, or "seen anything that would suggest that any manufacturer of the North was in sympathy to discourage immigration to the South. I firmly believe that all the opposition that the move has had came from the labor agitators and politicians."

"The labor situation is the most important problem before the cotton manufacturers today. The shortage of labor in the north is about equal to the shortage in the south. This shortage is so great that cotton mill building is almost at a standstill compared with what it is England."

E. J. Watson, commissioner of immigration of South Carolina, corroborated President Lowe on the scarcity of labor, and told of the need of a desirable class of immigrants. He said the time has come for the "American manufacturer and the American laborer, without regard to section to join in hands and eliminate the political demagogue whose mission in life seems to be to array labor against capital, and section against section, without regard to any other interest than his own petty political advancement."

He suggested that desirable immigrants be brought directly into the south through a southern port of entry.

James W. Burke, of the National Export Association of American Manufacturers, New York, in an address on the export of cotton, said the United States today furnished only five per cent. of the world's exports of cotton goods, or about eight per cent. of the total quantity shipped by England. The principal cause of the condition, he said, lies in the fact that American manufacturers have not been in direct contact with the European markets, in consequence of which the National Export Association of American manufacturers has been formed whereby agencies to further American trade in Europe are maintained.

Among those who spoke at today's session was E. W. Robertson, of Columbia, S. C., on "Expansion of American Currency."

Convicted of Murder.

Norfolk, Va., May 15.—William McIntosh, one of two negroes who made a tour of robbery and murder across the Berkeley ward of Norfolk in April was convicted today of the murder of Charles W. Parks, one of the victims, the jury being out only five minutes. Judge Hancock deferred sentence until after the trial of McIntosh's alleged accomplice, Tom Lassiter, which may not occur until next month.

LEMON OR VANILLA?

Whichever you prefer you can get the very finest if you will demand the Blue Ribbon Brand. Remember the name.